

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A sealable lead-through system for a protected space defined by walls, said system comprising:

at least one sleeve made of a flexible material, one end of said sleeve being tightly attached to the outside of at least one of said walls;

at least one sealing element, at least approximately fitting said sleeve and being made of a material deformable in compression, said sealing element being provided with a bore at least approximately fitting the size of a transfer means intended to be led from outside said protected space into its interior or vice-versa;

said sealing element being adapted to be subjected to a compressive force, for sealing off any interspaces between said transfer means and said bore, and between said sealing element and said sleeve.

Claim 2 (original): A sealable lead-through system for a protected space defined by walls, said system comprising:

at least one sleeve made of a flexible material, one end of said sleeve being tightly attached to the outside of at least one of said walls;

at least one sealing element, at least approximately fitting said sleeve and being made of a material deformable in compression, said sealing element being provided with a longitudinal slit extending along its entire length and reaching in depth to about the axis of said element, for accommodating a transfer means intended to be led from the outside of said protected space into its interior, or vice-versa;

said sealing element being adapted to be subjected to a

compressive force, for sealing off any interspaces between said transfer means and said slit, and between said sealing element and said sleeve.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said sealing element is substantially cylindrical.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said sealing element is polygonal.

Claim 5 (original): The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein said polygonal sealing element is hexagonal.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said sealing element is conical.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein said sleeve is cylindrical.

Claim 8 (original): The system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said sleeve is conical, the taper of said sleeve being substantially identical to the taper of said conical sealing element, said sleeve and said element being of the self-holding type.

Claim 9 (original): The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said conical sleeve is tightly attached to said wall at its wider end.

Claim 10 (original): The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said sealing element is provided with a longitudinal slit extending along its entire length and reaching in depth from the outside surface of said element into said bore.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~and~~

~~claim 2~~, wherein said sealing element is made of a material selected from the group including natural rubber, synthetic rubber, and polyurethane.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~and claim 2~~, wherein said sealing element has a foam structure.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The system as claimed in claim 1 ~~and claim 2~~, further comprising tie means mountable on said sleeve and adapted to exert a compressive force on said sealing element for sealing off the interspaces between said transfer means and said bore, and between said sealing element and said sleeve.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A sealable lead-through system for a protected space defined by walls as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, substantially as hereinbefore described and with reference to the accompanying drawings.